

SENATE BILL 1126

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to handgun carry permits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting subsection (n) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(n)

(1) Permits issued until the effective date of this act shall be good for four (4) years and shall entitle the permit holder to carry any handgun or handguns that the permit holder legally owns or possesses.

(2) Permits issued on or after the effective date of this act shall be good for five (5) years and shall expire on the permit holder's birthdate. The commissioner is authorized to issue an initial permit which shall remain valid for three (3) to seven (7) years in order that permit holders would renew their licenses on their birthdates for ages which are divisible by five (5). Permit fees shall be prorated to reflect the appropriate fee for a renewal cycle of greater or lesser length than five (5) years.

(3) Any permit holder whose permit expires or who applies for a renewal of such permit after thirty (30) days, but less than six (6) months, from the date of the expiration of the permit shall pay a penalty of five dollars (\$5.00), and any unpaid renewal permit fees since the last renewal before the permit shall be renewed. For applicants with permits that have expired for six (6) months or more, the penalty shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). The department may waive the paying of the penalty if the department deems the delay in renewing the license was unavoidable.

(4) The permit holder shall have the permit in the holder's immediate possession at all times when carrying a handgun and shall display the permit on demand of a law enforcement officer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.